

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

JANUARY 7TH 2024 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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BAPTISM AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Parents must be contributing members, regularly attending weekly Mass, for at least 4 months. In preparation for the sacrament, a one hour class for parents must be completed prior to the baptism, please contact the rectory, 652-7660, at least 2 months in advance.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Should be made with the pastor at least six months to one year before the proposed wedding date. One member of the couple must be a registered, practicing member and contributor of record at Mt. Carmel for at least six months. Couples sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm, Tuesday 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm. When available Fathers Campbell and McDermott will hear confessions before Sunday Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:15 am with 7:00 am Morning Prayer, Rosary after Mass.

Tuesday Adoration 3:00pm until 5:30 pm. Mass at 5:45 pm.

Saturday 8:30 am

4:00 pm (anticipated Sunday Mass)

Sunday 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

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Parish Support for December 24, 2023
Budgeted Need \$6,800.00
Parish Support \$9,763.00 **Over \$2963.00**

The Ladies Society will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30pm in the church hall. The main topic of discussion will be the St Joseph Table. A meal will be served. Anyone interested in joining the Ladies Society is encouraged to attend the meeting. We hope to see everyone there!



Fr. Campbell's Wed 6am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY via Zoom: To get the link, email Fr. Campbell at FrCampbell@olmckenosha.org



Save the Date! Our **All Saints Catholic School Open House** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 11am-2pm.** We want to share with you our amazing school, supported by the 10 parishes of Kenosha! We continue to successfully offer a faith filled, quality education to our students in Preschool-8th grade. We invite your family to join us for a guided tour, an opportunity to meet our principal, teachers and staff and see for yourself the wonderful gift a Catholic education can be to your child/ren. **If you are considering enrolling at ASCS for the 2024-25 school year, enrollment for new families begins the day of the Open House, January 28, 2024! Space is limited.**
Allsaintskenosha.org (262)925-4024 4400 22nd Ave

Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE! To sign up: Text the word LOOP (in all CAPS) as a text message and send to 84576. Then you'll be in our parish "loop" and will receive texts, news & emails from Fr. Campbell.



Listen to **THE MARIAN HOUR** w/Fr. Campbell at **WSFI 88.5 FM & and now also on 750AM** Every 2nd & 4th Wed. Next program Wed. Jan. 10, 2pm

Sign up for FORMED! A program which gives our parishioners free access to many Catholic programs and movies. To sign up: 1) visit Formed.Org 2) Click Sign up 3) Select a parish 4) Find your parish by name and address 5) Enter your e mail. Then, **you're in!**



Please PRAY for the sick in our parish

Jean Wawiora, Jeanne George, Maria Savaglio, Gilda Bilotti, Aldo Bosco, Sharon Fair, Dorothy Ramcheck, Rosemary Werwie, Richard Kaminski, Carol Szulczewski, Tom Komarec, Tom & Matilde Woodbury, Patricia Cascio, Alan Vittori, Marge Jarvey, John Ernst, Chris Neugebauer, Santina Lori, Len Hartnell, Gina Missurelli, Sally Knudson, Betty Campbell, Rosann Bartello and Margi Jarvey.

The history behind the Feast of the Epiphany

Catholic News Agency, Jan. 1, 2022

In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany – as Epiphany is known in the East – commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan.

While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the Sunday between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas, says Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, a Melkite Catholic priest and founding executive director of the Virginia-based Institute of Catholic Culture.

"You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany." The revelation of Christ as the Son of God – both as an infant and at his baptism – illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season, he said. "Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we're unable to see as God sees. God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on."

Origins of Epiphany: While the Western celebration of Epiphany (which comes from Greek, meaning "revelation from above"), and the Eastern celebration of Theophany (meaning "revelation of God"), have developed their own traditions and liturgical significances, these feasts share more than the same day.

"The Feast of Epiphany, or the Feast of Theophany, is a very, very early feast," said Fr. Carnazzo. "It predates the celebration of Christmas on the 25th."

In the early Church, Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent [coming] of Christ on Jan. 6 by commemorating Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the fourth century, both Christmas and Epiphany had been set as separate feasts in some dioceses. At the Council of Tours in 567, the Church set both Christmas day and Epiphany as feast days on the Dec. 25 and Jan. 6, respectively, and named the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season.

Over time, the Western Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations, leaving the celebration of the Epiphany to commemorate primarily the Visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ on Jan. 6. Meanwhile, the Eastern Churches' celebration of Theophany celebrates Christ's baptism and is one of the holiest feast days of the liturgical calendar.

Epiphany Blessing with Chalking of the Doors Explained

Jamie Skojec Jan. 22, 2021 *OnePeterFive.com*

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2023 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following inscription *above the entrance of your home*: **20 + C + M + B + 23**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “23” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors commonly is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany [Jan. 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas] or whatever day the feast is celebrated, after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription (see above) with chalk and offering a prayer (see below) with the burning of incense and the sprinkling of holy water (or blessed Epiphany water, which is in the bag with the blessed chalk).

The chalking of the doors of a home reminds us, while daily passing in and out, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us! The **Feast of Epiphany** is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, Jan. 6th, but in the Vatican II Mass it is celebrated on the Sunday between Jan. 2 & Jan. 8 (**this year Sunday Jan. 8**).

PRAYER with EPIPHANY BLESSING & CHALKING of the HOME

Leader (*Priest, if present, or father of the family*): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The *Magnificat*: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations shall call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm; He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.” *During the Magnificat, the room where the prayers of blessing are prayed is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader and others: *Our Father* prayer.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. **All**: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. **All**: Amen.

After the above prayers and blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi are inscribed on the lintel (horizontal beam) at the entrance to the home with the blessed chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 23 as the leader says “Two thousand ... Caspar ... Melchior ... Balthasar ... 23” (As noted above, the initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”). Then each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mount Carmel: Tuesdays 3-5:30 pm. Please come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Benediction at 5:30 pm, Mass 5:45 pm.

St. Therese: Fridays at 8:30am-5pm. (1st Friday Adoration continues through Sat 6 am)



Readings & Observances

Readings for the week of January 7, 2023

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

Jn 1:35-42

In Swaddling Clothes

By MARK AMOROSE

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes” — *Luke 2:7.*

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Before His feet walked dry-shod on the waves;
before His hands gave sense to ear and eye;
before His voice called dead men from their graves;
before His wish caused bread to multiply:
the Lord of all was first a speechless child,
deprived of power by His swaddling bands.
How mighty were those tiny feet and hands
when on her helpless God His mother smiled?

Already when the kings came from the East
to greet a greater king upon His birth
and fell down at His feet upon the earth
with gifts for God and sacrifice and priest,
Mary had wrapped up — as with festive bows —
the world's first Christmas gift, in swaddling clothes.

TOUR of CATHOLIC FAITH & RCIA CLASS

Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., Mt. Carmel School (enter through school door facing east/Columbus Park)

Text: *Basic Catholic Catechism Course* by Fr. John Hardon, S.J., cost: \$25. A year-long, complete tour of Catholic Faith Join class any time, come when able, for any Catholic who needs Confirmation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 6

4:00 pm Benny Ricchio & Danielle Ricchio
(Ada Ricchio & Family)

Sunday January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Priest Intention

10:00 am Elianora Palermo

(Mr. & Mrs. Luigi DeFranco)

12:00 pm Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

Monday January 8

7:15 am Guido Palermo (Alfonso Morrone)

Tuesday January 9

5:45 pm Rosaria Vitaro (Gloria Presta & Family)

Wednesday January 10

7:15 am Shirley Dworak (Sharon & Bob Beales)

Thursday January 11

7:15 am Priest Intention

Friday January 12

7:15 am Priest Intention

Saturday January 13

8:30 am Priest Intention

4:00 pm Francesco Chianello & Giovanni Perfetti
(Loving Family)

Sunday January 14

7:00 am Priest Intention

10:00 am Aldo Presta (Wife Gloria)

12:00 pm Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

LECTORS

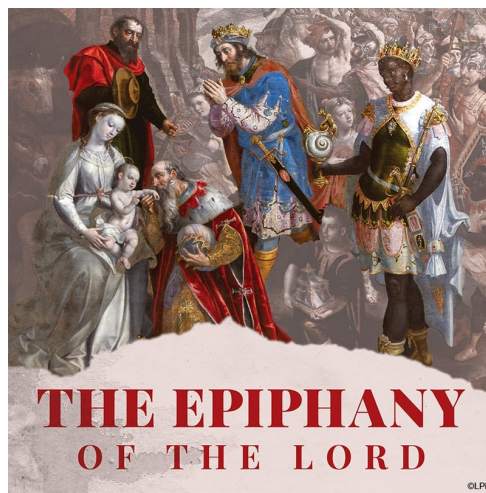
Saturday January 13 **4:00 pm** Dave Willems

Sunday January 14 **7:00 am** Lisa Haskel

10:00 am Nick Hartnell

ALTARBOYS

Jaxson Anderson, Dominic & Pascal Blome, Domenico Chiappetta, Christopher Doan, Vinnie & Dominic Gentile, Robert, Peter, Nicholas & Timmy George, Tony, Richard, Stephen, Paul Hazinski, Samir Khoury, Vincent Meyerhofer, Isaac Purdy, Christian Roushia, Landen & Sam Traczyk.



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The Mass Book for 2024 is open. Each family can schedule 3 Masses, one of them can fall on the weekend. You can call the parish office to do so.